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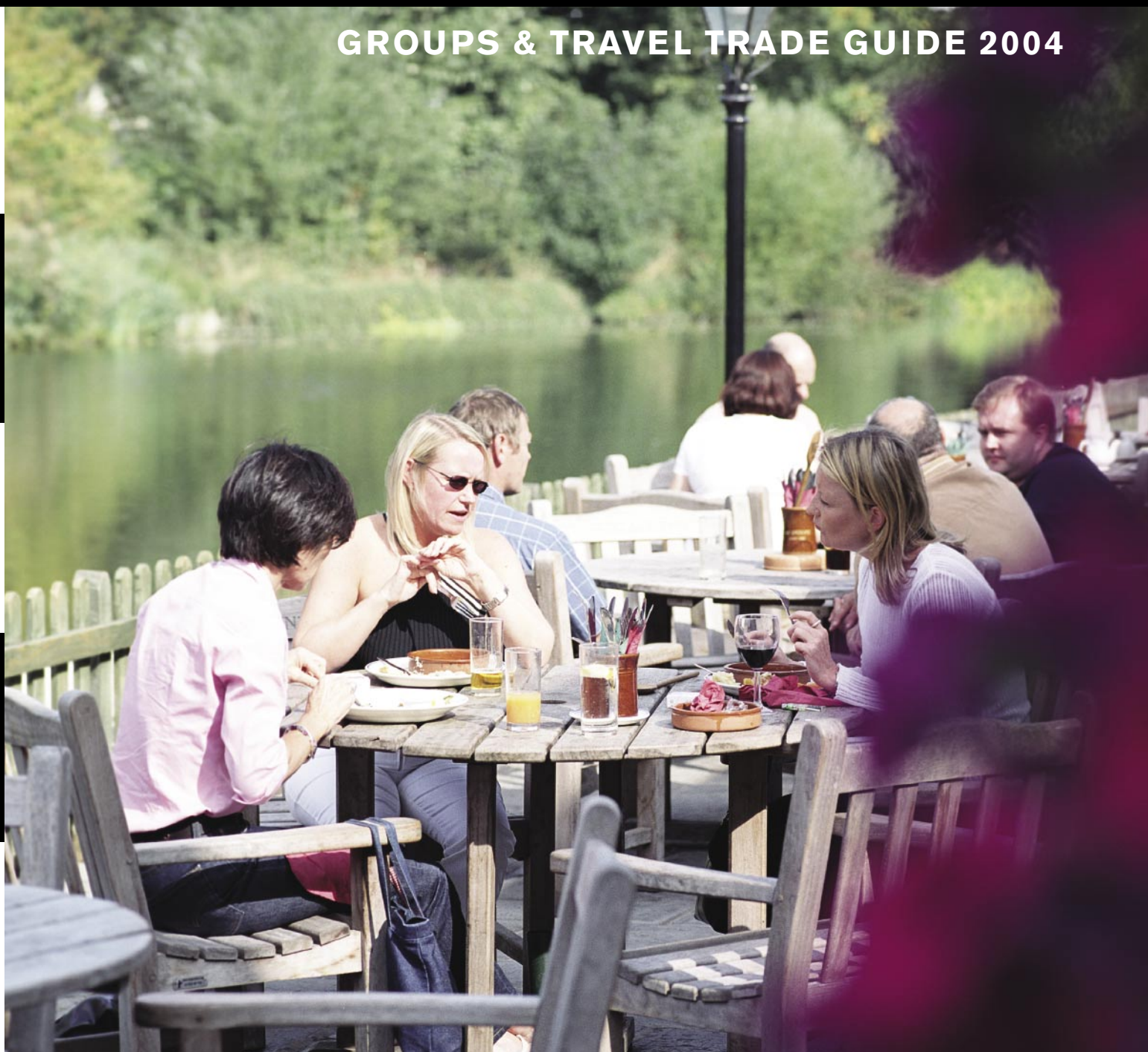

INTRODUCTION

If you are bringing a group of clients to London or advising individuals on planning their visit to the capital, then why not include a day on the water as part of the experience? With hundreds of waterside attractions, shops, restaurants, bars and little-known stretches of beautiful scenery, a day out around London's canals, docks or rivers could be just the answer.

On the following pages we list the best places to visit, give details of a delightful range of boat trips and private boat charter, places to eat and drink, how to get there, transport and parking as well as some useful contacts. Inside there is a map of the waterways in the London area and some recommended itineraries for days out in the north, west, east and centre of the capital.

KEY TO SYMBOLS

- THEATRE
- RESTAURANT
- PUBLIC HOUSE
- PLACE OF INTEREST
- NATURE PARK / ZOO
- BOAT TRIP / FLOATING ATTRACTION

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All bookings should be made directly with individual attractions, boat trip companies and catering services and should be booked in advance. British Waterways London is not responsible for individual companies. Recommended itineraries are to help you with ideas for days out. We cannot arrange trips on your behalf. Unless indicated, not all companies listed offer group facilities. All information is correct at time of going to print.

CENTRAL LONDON CANALS

The Regent's Canal is one of the most peaceful and picturesque sections of central London.

The Regent's Canal Company was formed in 1812 to cut a new canal from the Grand Union Canal's busy Paddington Branch around London to Limehouse where a grand dock was planned at the junction with the Thames. The whole canal was officially opened in 1820.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Little Venice
The magical Little Venice is a triangular stretch of water, also known as Browning's Pool, after the poet Robert Browning who lived in the area. He was among the first to compare it with the Italian city and it became commonly known as Little Venice after World War II. The Pool of Little Venice, with its tree-clad island in the middle, marks the junction of the Regent's Canal and the Paddington Branch of the Grand Union Canal.

Maida Hill Tunnel
The 272-yard Maida Hill Tunnel has no towpath, so barges had to be legged through while the horses were led over ground. Spoil from the tunnel excavation was laid on Mr Lord's field, which later became Lord's Cricket Ground.

Regent's Park
The park offers stunning landscaped gardens, sports facilities, cafes, an atmospheric open-air theatre and the world famous London Zoo. Between 1812 and 1827 the park was laid out in its current form, to great public acclaim, by architect John Nash.

Camden Town
The market at Camden Lock is rightly famed for the exotic range of goods on sale. The converted stables surrounding the market house an eccentric gathering of artists and artisans doing everything from restoring antique furniture to creating modern crafts and clothing.

St Pancras Basin
Just before St Pancras Lock, with its attractive lock cottage, is St Pancras Basin. Opened in 1870 as a coal wharf for the Midland Railway Company, it is now home to many colourful narrowboats.

Islington Tunnel
Opened in 1820, Islington Tunnel had no towpath so barges had to be legged through. In 1826, a steam tug was introduced, which worked by pulling itself along a chain on the canal bed. The tug was in operation until the 1930s. It is well worth taking a diversion from the towpath at this point to explore the market, antique shops, bars and restaurants nearby.

City Road Basin
Opened at the same time as Islington Tunnel, City Road Basin was the principal basin on the canal, serving many wharves and factories. Today it is used for canoeing and sailing activities.

ATTRACTIONS

Canal Café Theatre
Max 60, Min 10 for groups. Group and tour operator discount.
Contact Emma Taylor.
The Bridge House, Delamere Terrace
London W2 6ND
T: 020 7289 6056
E: mail@canalcafetheatre.com
www.newsrevue.com or
www.canalcafetheatre.com
Variety of performances, primarily comedy and cabaret, in a cosy informal atmosphere. Open nightly all year.

Cascade Art Gallery
Max 30, min 10 for groups. No charge for admission. 10% discount on purchases.
Contact Alex or Jan Prowse.
The Pool of Little Venice
Blomfield Road, London W9 2PA
T: 020 7289 7050
E: a@littlevenicelondon.co.uk
www.alexprowse.com
Artist's studio with a permanent exhibition of paintings, prints and cards depicting local waterway scenes.

London Canal Museum
No max, min 10 for groups. 20% discount for groups.
Contact museum reception
12/13 New Wharf Road, London N1 9RT
T: 020 7713 0836
E: www.londoncanalmuseum.org.uk
Set in an old ice warehouse, the museum tells the 200-year-old story of London's canals.

London Zoo
No max, Min 20 for groups. Group and tour operator discount. Excellent group rates and benefits. Best rates for bookings far in advance. Account customer scheme offering special rates and benefits for those planning frequent visits. On-site coach parking and many other benefits.
Contact Nia Hale.
Outer Circle, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RY
T: 020 7449 6275
E: nia.hale@zsl.org
www.londonzoo.co.uk
London Zoo first opened to the public in 1828. Its 36 acres house over 8,000 species of animals and it is a major research centre. One of the zoo's most spectacular buildings, the Northern Aviary, designed by Lord Snowdon, can be clearly seen from the towpath.

Lord's Tour
Max 90, Min 8. Group and tour operator discount.
Contact Nik Stewart
Lord's Cricket Ground
St John's Wood Road, London NW8 8QM
T: 020 7616 8595/6
E: tours@mcc.org.uk
www.lords.org
Experience the unique atmosphere of the "home of cricket" on an expert-led behind the scenes tour.

Movingstage Marionette Company
Max 30, min 15 for groups. Group and tour operator discount.
Contact Juliet Rogers
Blomfield Road, Little Venice, London W9 2PF
T: 020 7249 6876
E: puppet@movingstage.co.uk
www.puppetbarge.com
Magical and imaginative puppet shows, staged on a barge at Little Venice from October to May.

Camley Street Natural Park & Visitor Centre
Max 30, min 5 for groups. Free entry to everyone and special guided tours for groups. Environment education service.
Contact Caroline Richards or Kate Coss
Camley Street, London NW1 0PW
T: 020 7833 2311
E: lwtcamleyst@cix.co.uk
www: wildlondon.org.uk
Two unique acres of wild green space right in the heart of London. Special features at this innovative and internationally acclaimed reserve include a pond, meadow and woodland, providing a natural environment for birds, bees, butterflies, amphibians and a rich variety of plant life.

Kensal Green Cemetery
Max 50, min 10 for groups. Every Sunday at 2 pm regardless of weather.
Contact Henry Vivian-Neal
Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery
C/o General Cemetery Company
Harrow Road,
London W10 4RA
T: 07951 631001
E: hvn@cix.co.uk
www.kensalgreen.co.uk
The cemetery was established by Act of Parliament in 1832 to create a spacious park that would enable a hygienic burial of the dead and a place of recreation. Among other famous names, Sir Marc and Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Anthony Trollope and William Makepeace Thackery are buried here.

Chisenhale Art Place and Gallery
64-84 Chisenhale Road,
London E3 5QZ
T: 020 8981 1916
www.chisenhale.com
An established gallery with an international reputation. Large, publicly funded space dedicated to profiling UK and internationally based emerging artists.

Jongleurs
Middle Yard, Camden Lock, London NW1 6AB
T: 0870 787 0707
www.jongleurs.com
Famous UK comedy club chain.

BOAT TRIPS, BOATING AND PRIVATE BOAT HIRE

Jason's Trip
Max 108, min 20 for groups. Group and tour operator discount.
Contact Jennifer Green
Jason's Wharf, opp 60 Blomfield Road,
Little Venice, London W9 2PA
T: 020 7286 3428
E: enquiries@jasons.co.uk
www.jasons.co.uk
Trips daily, April to October. Weekends only, November to March. Little Venice to Camden. Variety of boats for hire suiting dinners, meetings, receptions and parties.

Walker's Quay
Max 98, min 20 for groups. Group and tour operator discount.
Contact Denise Marshall
250 Camden High St, London NW1 8QS
T: 020 7485 4433
E: info@walkersquay.com
www.walkersquay.com
Trips daily, March to October. Weekends only, November to February. Regular 90 minute cruises aboard a traditional narrowboat; through a lock, past London Zoo, Regent's Park, the tunnel to Little Venice and return. Jenny Wren and My Fair Lady are available for lunch and dinner cruises for private groups, all year, Tuesday to Saturday.

Barge Crook
(non-cruising)
Contact Alex or Jan Prowse.
The Pool of Little Venice, Blomfield Road,
London W9 2PA
T: 020 7289 7050
E: a@littlevenicelondon.co.uk
www.littlevenicelondon.co.uk
Beautifully restored Regent's Canal barge, providing a venue for meetings, conferences and exhibitions.

RECOMMENDED DAYS OUT

London Zoo ⇨ Boat trip on Regent's Canal ⇨ Little Venice

Day trip - Approx 7 hours
- London Zoo - Including tour of zoo and lunch.
- Board Boat to Little Venice.
- Walk around Little Venice, visit Paddington Basin, Puppet Theatre show and stop at a waterside café.

London Canal Museum ⇨ Camden Lock Market ⇨ Boat Trip to Little Venice

Day trip - Approx 7 hours
- Tour of London Canal Museum.
- Hire guide for walk along Regent's Canal to Camden Lock Market. Stop for lunch and shopping.
- Board Boat for Little Venice. Live commentary.
- Walk around Little Venice and Paddington.

Little Venice ⇨ Dinner and Show ⇨ Evening cruise to Camden Locks

Evening out - Approx 6 hours
- Meal and early show at the Canal Café Theatre.
- Charter night cruise to Camden Locks.

Portobello Road Market ⇨ Kensal Green Cemetery ⇨ Little Venice and Paddington ⇨ Boat Trip to Camden Lock

Day trip - Approx 7 hours
- Start with shopping at Portobello Road Market and lunch.
- Hire a guide for tour of Kensal Green Cemetery and guided walk to Little Venice along Grand Union Canal. Tour of Little Venice and Paddington.
- Boat trip to Camden Locks.

The Floating Boater
Waterside, Warwick Crescent,
Little Venice, London W2 6NE
T: 020 7266 1066
www.floatingboater.co.uk
The Prince Regent and Lapwing are available for boat charter all year. For summer cruising there are large open foredecks. In winter, the mahogany and oak timbered saloons have full central heating, for between 12 and 80 guests.

London Canal Cruises
Max 4, min 2.
Contact Alex Nunes
63 Salisbury Road, Barnet, Herts EN5 4JL
T: 020 8440 8962
E: info@londoncanalcruises.com
www.londoncanalcruises.com
Most popular cruise takes you from City Road to the North Circular Aqueduct, and back to Camden. Allowing for a visit to Camden Market and stopping for meals, trip lasts about eight hours. Also offer a personalised cruise, ideal for celebrating a special occasion.

London Waterbus Company
Camden Lock Place, London NW1 8AF
T: 020 7482 2660/2550
www.londonwaterbus.com
Trips daily, April to October. Weekends only, November to March. Little Venice to Camden via London Zoo (optional)

MARKETS

Camden Lock Market, Camden High Street
www.camdenlockmarket.com
Famous canal-side arts and crafts, clothes and bric-a-brac market. Tuesday - Sunday

Chapel Market, Angel
Local market featuring produce, bric-a-brac and clothes. Open Tuesday - Sunday

Church Street & Bell Street Markets, Edgware Rd
Local markets selling general goods.
Open Monday - Saturday

Portobello Road Market
www.portobelloonline.com
General goods, antiques, clothes and bric-a-brac.
Open daily

WALKS

Original London Walks.
Various canal-side locations, circular guided walks.
T: 020 7624 3978
london.walks.com

Leaflets available for self-guided walks. Please call British Waterways London for more information. Details under useful information on page 15.

EATING AND DRINKING

Group bookings to be made in advance. Special conditions apply for pre-Christmas bookings.

The Bridge House Pub, Little Venice
Can reserve tables for up to 12 for lunch or dinner daily. Can seat up to 30 Sat-Tue.
T: 020 7432 1361

Café Laville, Little Venice
Can seat up to 30 Mon-Fri for lunch and dinner. Not weekends.
T: 020 7706 2620

The Clifton, Little Venice
Can seat 10-15 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 020 7372 3427

Warwick Castle Pub, Little Venice
Can seat up to 30 for lunch only daily.
T: 020 7432 1331

Waterside Café, Little Venice
Can seat up to 16 inside for lunch only daily.
T: 020 7266 1066

The Waterway, Little Venice
Can seat up to 30 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 020 7266 3557

CANAL WILDLIFE

In Central London the canals act as corridors for wildlife. In a built-up urban environment they provide a quiet space away form the noisy and busy streets. Many birds can be found along the canal. Look out for Mute Swans, Mallards, Moorhens and Coots and even Kingfishers.

The vegetation also gives the canal its own character, many mature trees fringe the canal providing food sources for insects, nesting space for birds and roosting space for bats. You may see bats after dusk such as Daubentons and Pippistrelles. These species feed on insects.

Dudley Arms Pub, Paddington
Can seat up to 50 for lunch only daily.
Snacks after 2.30pm.
T: 020 7723 1143

Grand Union Pub, Little Venice
Can seat up to 30 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 020 7286 1886

The Engineer Pub, Camden
Can seat up to 32 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 020 7722 0950

Feng Shang Chinese Restuarant, Camden
Can seat up to 500 for lunch or dinner daily.
T: 020 7515 6445

Island Queen Pub, Angel
Can seat up to 40 for lunch only daily.
T: 020 7704 7631

Narrowboat Pub, Angel
Can seat up to 30 for lunch only daily.
T: 020 7288 9821

CANALS, RIVERS AND DOCKS OF EAST LONDON

The Regent's Canal, the lower stretch of the River Lee Navigation and the docks surrounding Canary Wharf, all form the waterways of East London. Originally built to bring cargoes into the country from the Thames, the waterways of East London now form one of the most vibrant assets of the capital and are an ideal place to seek out nature, culture, great restaurants and entertainment.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Victoria Park
The world's oldest municipal park was laid out between 1842 and 1845 to the design of James Pennethorne, a protégé of John Nash.

Bow Wharf
Where the Regent's Canal meets the Hertford Union Canal, Bow Wharf was originally home to a glue factory. Today the warehouses are home to Jongleurs Comedy Club, restaurants, bars and shops, which combine to give the area a fun and lively atmosphere.

Mile End Park
The park has benefited from some huge improvements. Already home to a sports stadium and climbing wall, it now features an ecology park with a lake, terraced gardens and a children's adventure playground.

Limehouse Basin
Formerly the Regent's Canal Dock, the basin was the hub of the canal system nationwide, where cargo from around the world was unloaded onto narrowboats. The area has since been transformed, with new housing and a marina created to attract boats from around the world to Limehouse once more.

Limehouse Cut
The Limehouse Cut has the virtue of being one of the earliest man-made canals in London. For most of its life it was a linear wharf, with many industries lining its banks and using it to convey their trade. Although commercial traffic has now ceased, new moorings for pleasure boats are currently being built to bring life back to this important section of London's canal network.

Three Mills
The Three Mills area around Bromley-by-Bow at the southern end of the Lee Valley is a reminder of the River Lee's industrial past. Corn and gunpowder were both milled here in the 16th century, followed by grain for gin distilling and finally flour. Of greatest note is the grade I listed House Mill, built in 1776 and said to be one of the most powerful tide mills ever built.

Poplar Dock and Blackwall Basin Marinas
These marinas offer boaters and walkers one of the finest views in London. Poplar Dock alone has moorings for 85 boats, varying from traditional narrowboats to sailing vessels and luxury yachts.

West India Quay, Docklands
In 1802 the West India Docks opened and were considered to be the country's greatest civil engineering structure of their day. Within these docks, situated just north of Canary Wharf, West India Quay is home to London's finest examples of Listed Grade 1 warehouses. Built in 1825, these elegant buildings have been developed to provide a lively centre of entertainment including waterside cafés, shops, restaurants and bars, a 12-screen cinema, and a fitness centre. Every summer the quayside comes alive with a festival hosted by British Waterways London.

ATTRACTIONS

Museum in Docklands
No max, min 10 for groups. Adult groups of 10+ booking in advance are entitled to a 20% discount.
Contact Emma Roberts
No. 1 Warehouse, West India Quay,
Hertsmere Road E14 4AL
T: 0870 444 3855
E: info@museumindocklands.org.uk
www.museumindocklands.org.uk
Explores the story of London's River, Port and People from Roman settlement to recent regeneration of the Docklands.

Ragged School Museum
Max 25, min 6 for groups. Small charge for groups booking adult talks, otherwise free entry.
Contact Aretha George
46-50 Copperfield Road, London E3 4RR
T: 020 8980 6405
E: aretha@raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk
www.raggedschoolmuseum.org
Tells the unique story of the East End of London and the largest ragged school in the city. Used by Dr Barnardo.

The Waterworks Nature Reserve & Golf Centre
Max 80, min 20 for groups. Group discount. Hall hire for private use, corporate use and regular events. Golf tuition for beginners and advanced stage by PGA coach.
Contact Derek Rodriguez
Lammas Road (off Lea Bridge Road)
Leyton, London, E10 7NU
T: 020 8988 7566
E: thewaterworks@leevalleypark.org.uk
www.leevalleypark.com
Located in East London this £2.8 million development sees the former Essex Filter Beds, built to purify London's drinking water in 1849 at the height of the cholera epidemic, transformed into a Nature Reserve and 'Close Up On Wildlife' visitor experience.

West India Dock Impounding Station
Constructed in 1929, the Impounding Station is the sole means by which water levels are maintained in the docks. The original machinery is still in use and the pumps draw enough water into the docks each year to fill them three times over. The station is open to the public during Open House Weekend in September each year.
T: 020 7517 5550

Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood
Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 9PA
T: 020 8980 2415
www.museumofchildhood.org.uk
Temporary exhibitions and permanent collection of toys, games, nursery and childhood equipment, and costumes dates from the sixteenth century to the present day.

Geffrye Museum
Kingsland Road, London E2 8EA
T: 020 7739 9893
www.geffrye-museum.org.uk
Quintessential style of English middle-class living rooms. Collections of furniture, textiles, paintings and decorative arts are displayed in a series of period rooms from 1600 to the present day.

Island History Trust
Dockland Settlement, 197 East Ferry Road,
London E14 3BA
T: 020 7987 6041
www.islandhistory.org.uk
The Island History Trust is a community history project dedicated to recording and preserving the history of the Isle of Dogs and the people who live there.

Jongleurs
Bow Wharf
221 Grove Road
London E3 1AA
www.jongleurs.com
Famous UK comdey club chain.

Mile End Stadium
Rhodeswell Road, Poplar, London E14 7TW
T: 020 8980 1885
www.mileendpark.co.uk
Features an 8 lane athletics track, artificial hockey/ football pitch, stadium grass football pitch, weight training room, changing facilities, function room.

Mudchute Park, Farm & Equestrian Centre
Pier Street, London E14 3HP
T: 020 7515 5901
Farm, park, recreational & educational centre.

Prenelle Gallery
West India Quay, London E14
T: 020 7093 0628
www.prenelle.com
Floating contemporary art gallery.

BOAT TRIPS, BOATING AND PRIVATE BOAT HIRE

City Cruises
Cherry Garden Pier, Cherry Garden Street
London SE16 4TU
T: 020 7740 0400
www.citycruises.com
Sightseeing, private charter, dinner cruises, group bookings. Thames-based

Leven is Strijd (non-cruising)
Max 22 for sit down meal, 50 for receptions.
West India Quay, Hertsmere Rd, London E14 6AL
T: 020 7987 4002

MV Josephine (non-cruising)
Max 30 for sit down meal, 60 for receptions.
Heron Quays, West India Docks, London E14 4JB
T: 020 7538 1329

Lotus Chinese Floating Restaurant (non-cruising)
Max 450 for sit down meal and receptions.
38 Limeharbour, Inner Millwall Dock, London E14
T: 020 7515 6445

SS Robin Gallery (non-cruising)
West India Quay, Hertsmere Rd, London E14 4AE
T: 020 7538 0652
E: info@ssrobin.com
www.ssrobin.com
Photography gallery on board world's oldest complete steamship.

The Tollesbury Barge (non-cruising)
Max 30 for sit down meal, 60 for receptions.
Millwall Inner Dock, Marsh Wall, London E14 9SL
T: 020 7363 1183
Thames barge, now permanently moored in London's Docklands after being converted into a pub. It is one of many barges that was used in the Dunkirk evacuation of 1940.

MARKETS

Billingsgate Market, West India Dock
This famous working fish market, based alongside West India Dock, has been operating since 1699. The best times to go are between 6 and 8am Tuesday to Saturday. The market also arranges guided tours for groups.
T: 020 7987 1118
www.billingsgate-market.org.uk

Broadway Market, Dalston E8
Local general market with antiques, arts and crafts on Sundays. Open daily.

Columbia Road Flower Market, Bethnal Green
Sells plants, flowers, trees and shrubs for indoor and outdoor use. Open Sundays.
www.eastlondonmarkets.com

Roman Road Market, Bow E3
Popular local East End market selling clothes, household goods, fruit and vegetables. Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

WALKS

Walks in the Isle of Dogs
Leaflet available from London Borough of Tower Hamlets.
T: 020 7364 5000
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

EATING AND DRINKING

Group bookings to be made in advance. Special conditions apply for pre-Christmas bookings.

City Pride Pub, West India Docks
Can seat up to 30 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 020 7987 3516

Bar 38, West India Quay
Can seat up to 150 for lunch only daily.
T: 020 7515 8361

Beluga Café, West India Quay
Can seat up to 30 for lunch or dinner Sat - Wed.
T: 020 7537 4665

Browns, West India Quay
Can seat up to 40 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 020 7987 9777

The Ledger Building, West India Quay
Can seat up to 200 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 020 7536 7770

Scuzi, West India Quay
Can seat up to 70 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 020 7001 0991

Via Fossa, West India Quay
Can seat up to 100 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 020 7515 8549

The Puzzle Pub, Crossharbour
Can seat up to 40 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 020 7308 0037

Fat Cat Café Bar, Bow Wharf
Can seat up to 62 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 020 8983 4353

Top O' The Morning Pub, Hackney
Seats up to 30 people for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 020 8985 9917

Barley Mow Pub, Limehouse
Seats up to 30 for lunch and 15 for dinner daily.
T: 020 7265 8931

The Grapes Pub, Limehouse
Seats up to 28 people for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 020 7987 4396

RECOMMENDED DAYS OUT

Please contact individual companies to organise your visit.

Limehouse Basin ⇨ Boat Trip through the East End ⇨ Limehouse Basin.
Half-day trip - Approx 4 hours
- Start at Limehouse Basin and charter a boat and guide to take you through Limehouse Cut, Three Mills, Lower Lee Navigation, Hertford Union Canal, Victoria Park, Regent's Canal
- Stop off at Ragged School Museum
- Back to Limehouse Basin

Museum in Docklands ⇨ Lunch ⇨ Guided walk through docks ⇨ Shopping in Canary Wharf
Day trip - Approx 7 hours
- Start at the Museum in Docklands for a guided tour
- Lunch on floating restaurant
- Guided walk of docks
- End the day shopping at Canary Wharf

City Road Basin ⇨ Boat Trip through the East End ⇨ Museum of Childhood ⇨ Limehouse Basin
Day trip - Approx 7 hours
- Begin the trip at City Road Basin
- Charter a boat and guide to take you through the East End
- Stop off for tour of Museum of Childhood and lunch
- Continue cruise to Limehouse Basin

CANAL WILDLIFE

Look out for rafts and coir rolls attached to the offside bank which have been implemented by or on behalf of British Waterways London to enhance the value of the canal for wildlife and to improve the aesthetic quality of the canal.

They are particularly good at creating a marginal fringe of vegetation where one would not normally exist and these provide refuge for dragonfly and damselfly. Look out for electric blue, red and green flashes of colour as they dart past from plant to plant.

The marginal plants provide a natural fringe that would typically be found in a natural river. Look out for Yellow Iris, Common Reed and various sedges. The rafts provide nesting opportunities for various birds, and in the Spring many will be occupied by nesting birds, such as Coot and Moorhen.

COACH PARKING

WEST LONDON

Uxbridge
Lorry / coach / car park
Uxbridge Road
Hayes End

Packet Boat Marina
Packet Boat Lane,
Cowley
Uxbridge UB8 2JJ
T: 01895 449851
Pre-booking required

Brentford
Commerce Road, TW8
Armchair Transport
T: 020 8568 8227
Daytime only - must pre-book

Kew
Kew Road
24 hours - up to 12 coaches
LB Richmond

CENTRAL LONDON

London Zoo
Regent's Park, NW1
Enter by Gloucester Slips
(Non-zoo coaches £40)
Zoo Operations T: 020 7722 3333

Camden
Albany St, NW1
2 spaces, £6 per hour
LB Camden

EAST LONDON

Hackney Marsh
Waterworks Nature Reserve &
Golf Centre, E10
T: 020 8988 7566

Docklands
Lightmans Road, E14
5 spaces, free 4 hours max

Millharbour, E14
15 spaces, free 4 hours max

Greenwich
Park Row/Romney Road junction
1 bay, £4 per hour
LB Greenwich

Uxbridge
Lorry / Coach/ Car Park

NORTH LONDON

Hertford
Old London Road,
Hertford

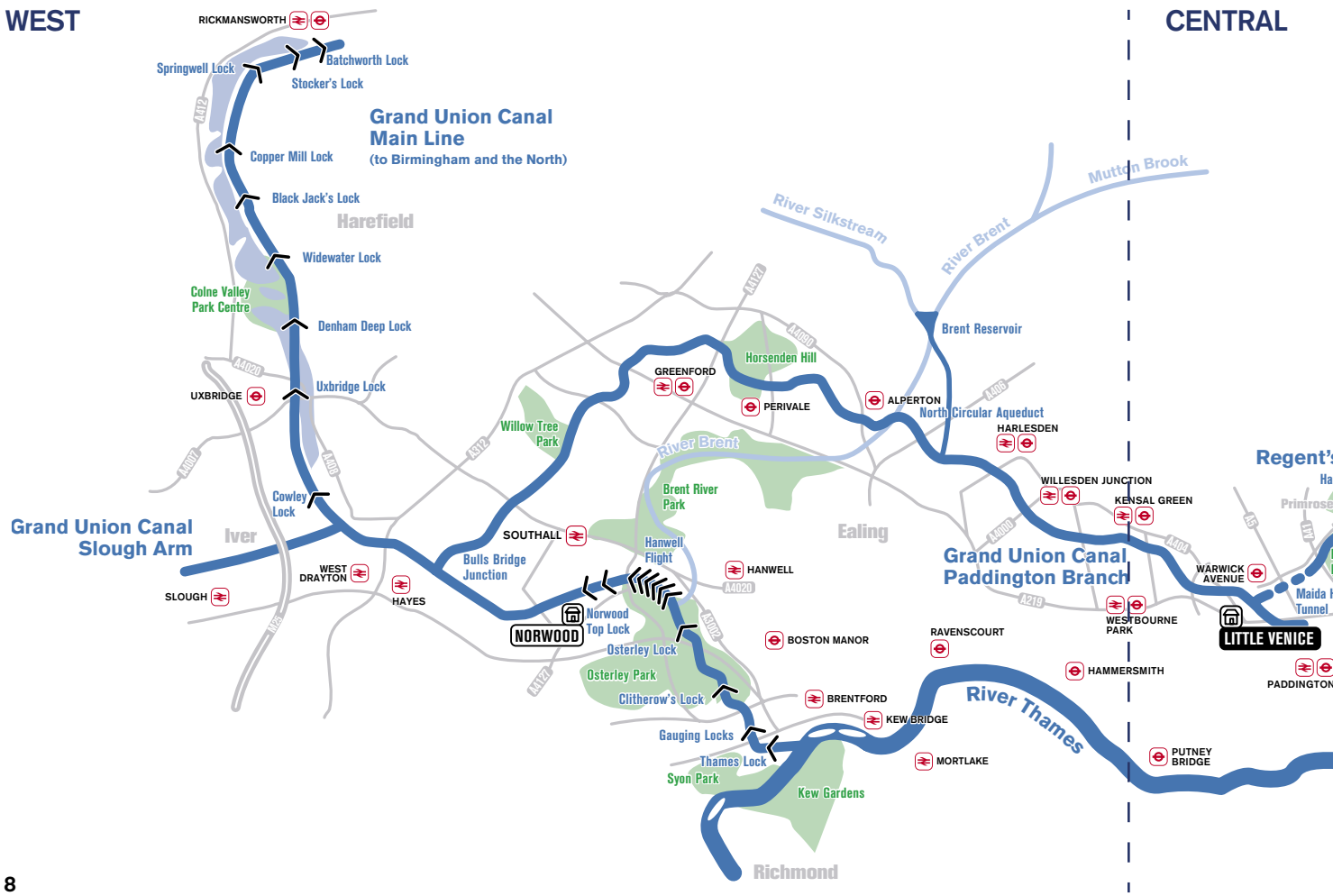
Please phone attractions directly for recommended coach drop off points.

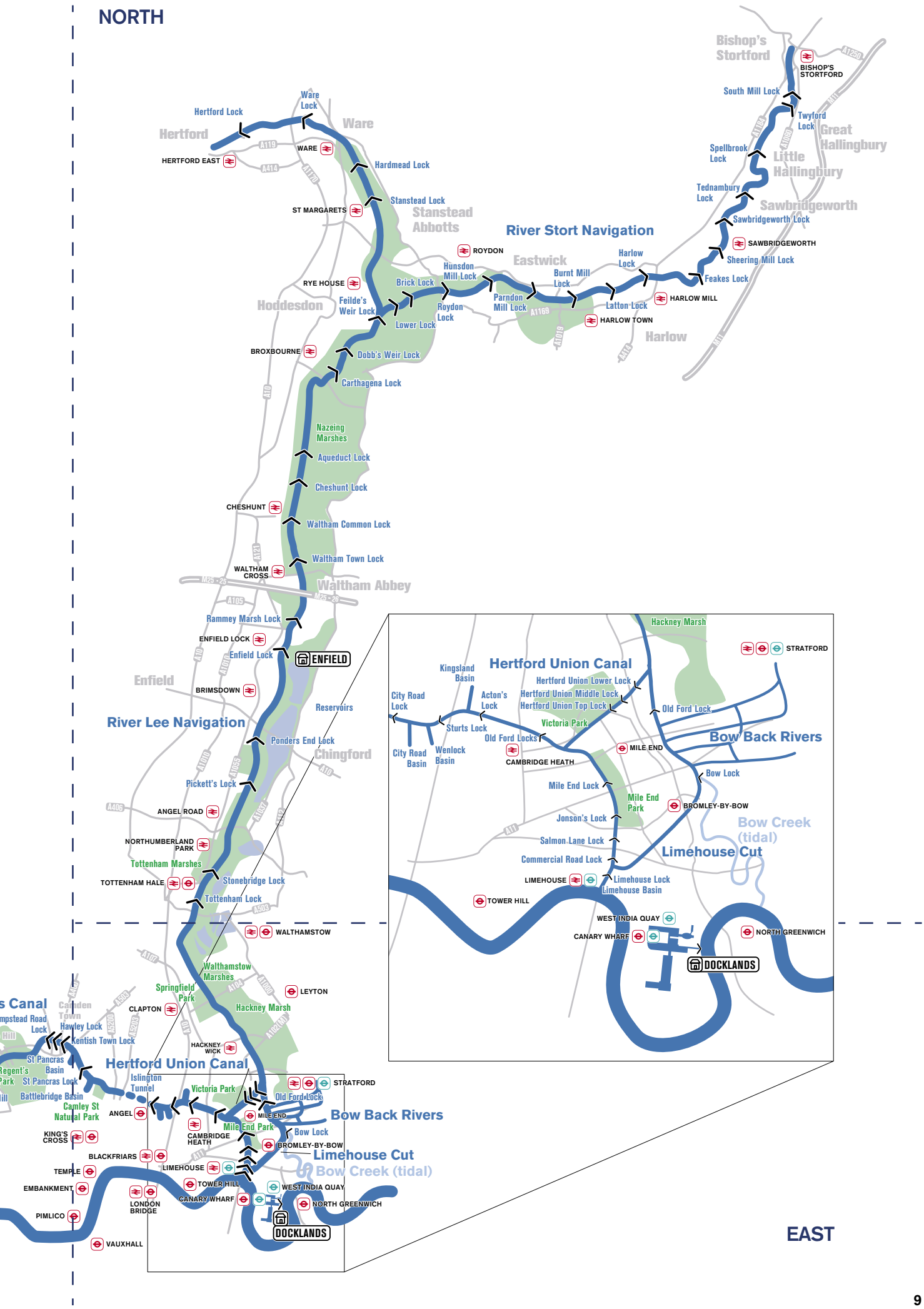
KEY

- Managed by British Waterways
- Tunnel
- Other AINA Waterways
- Ware Lock — Lock and Lock Name
- Parkland
- Wetland
- LITTLE VENICE — British Waterways Main Office
- ENFIELD — British Waterways Waterway Office
- M11 — Motorway
- A10 — Main roads
- Mainline Station
- London Underground Station
- Docklands Light Railway Station

COACH BAN AREAS
London has a number of "Coach Ban Areas" to protect residents from the impact of coaches on unsuitable streets. These are well signposted. Do not enter these areas unless it is to access premises and the road signs allow it.

CPT (National trade association for coach, bus and light rail operators)
T: 020 7240 3131 www.cpt-uk.org




NORTH
EAST
River Stort Navigation
River Lee Navigation
Hertford Union Canal
Bow Back Rivers
Limehouse Cut
Bow Creek (tidal)
Hertford
Ware
Hoddesdon
Stanstead Abbotts
Eastwick
Harlow
Bishop's Stortford
Great Hallingbury
Little Hallingbury
Sawbridgeworth
Waltham Abbey
Enfield
Chingford
Hertford Lock
Ware Lock
Hardmead Lock
Stanstead Lock
Hunsdon Mill Lock
Roydon Lock
Brick Lock
Feilde's Weir Lock
Lower Lock
Dobb's Weir Lock
Carthagena Lock
Nazeing Marshes
Aqueduct Lock
Cheshunt Lock
Waltham Common Lock
Waltham Town Lock
Rammey Marsh Lock
Enfield Lock
Reservoirs
Ponders End Lock
Pickett's Lock
Tottenham Marshes
Stonebridge Lock
Tottenham Lock
Walthamstow Marshes
Springfield Park
Hackney Marsh
Islington Tunnel
Victoria Park
Mile End Park
Bow Lock
Old Ford Lock
Battlebridge Basin
Camley St Natural Park
St Pancras Basin
St Pancras Lock
Kentish Town Lock
Hawley Lock
Camden Town
Regent's Park
Parndon Mill Lock
Burnt Mill Lock
Harlow Lock
Latton Lock
Feakes Lock
Sheering Mill Lock
Sawbridgeworth Lock
Tednambury Lock
Spellbrook Lock
Twyford Lock
South Mill Lock
HERTFORD EAST
WARE
ST MARGARETS
ROYDON
RYE HOUSE
BROXBOURNE
CHESHUNT
WALTHAM CROSS
ENFIELD LOCK
ENFIELD
BRIMSDOWN
ANGEL ROAD
NORTHUMBERLAND PARK
TOTTENHAM HALE
WALTHAMSTOW
LEYTON
CLAPTON
HACKNEY WICK
STRATFORD
MILE END
BROMLEY-BY-BOW
LIMEHOUSE
TOWER HILL
WEST INDIA QUAY
CANARY WHARF
NORTH GREENWICH
DOCKLANDS
ANGEL
KING'S CROSS
BLACKFRIARS
TEMPLE
EMBANKMENT
PIMLICO
VAUXHALL
LONDON BRIDGE
CAMBRIDGE HEATH
HARLOW MILL
HARLOW TOWN
BISHOP'S STORTFORD
SAWBRIDGEWORTH
Hertford Union Canal
Kingsland Basin
City Road Lock
Acton's Lock
Hertford Union Lower Lock
Hertford Union Middle Lock
Hertford Union Top Lock
Victoria Park
Old Ford Lock
Sturts Lock
Old Ford Locks
City Road Basin
Wenlock Basin
Hackney Marsh
Mile End Lock
Mile End Park
Jonson's Lock
Salmon Lane Lock
Commercial Road Lock
Limehouse Lock
Limehouse Basin
Bow Lock
Bow Creek (tidal)
Limehouse Cut
Bow Back Rivers
DOCKLANDS

RIVERS NORTH OF LONDON

The Rivers Lee & Stort link Hertford and Bishop's Stortford along the Lee Valley to the Thames. Viking long ships are known to have sailed up the River Lee, or Lea, 1,000 years ago and remains of even earlier boats have been found at Walthamstow Marshes.

Barges carried farm produce into London, and Ware bargemen were honoured after the plague of 1665 for risking their health to supply the capital with grain. In later centuries, locks were constructed and cuts were dug to avoid shallow stretches of river.

The Rivers became navigable for a wide variety of vessels and are commonly referred to by boaters as the Lee & Stort Navigations.

With some 42 miles of water the Rivers Lee and Stort offer a variety of recreational opportunities such as boating, walking, cycling and angling, as well as a wealth of scenery from rich industrial heritage to rural countryside and wildlife habitats.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Lee Valley Park
From Ware in Hertfordshire down to the River Thames, the Lee Valley Park stretches 23 miles on both sides of the River Lee and provides activities to suit all ages. The unique natural features of this 10,000 acre site have been shaped to provide a mosaic of countryside areas, urban green spaces, heritage sites, country parks, nature reserves and lake and riverside trails.

Hertford
Hertford is the upper limit of the River Lee and the town is the meeting place for three other rivers - the Mimram, Rib and Beane. Its long history, dating back to Saxon times, can be viewed at the local museum. The Castle, which was built by the Normans after the Conquest still has its 15th century gatehouse intact. Hertford has many pubs and shops and is a paradise for antique lovers, as well as hosting a general market on Saturdays.

Ware
Formerly the second largest malting centre in the country, Ware was known as the 'granary of London' due to the fertile land surrounding the town and its direct links to the capital. Ware also became an important coach stop for travellers journeying from Cambridge to London and although most of the 18th century coaching inns no longer exist, their summerhouses still line the river, providing a delightful centre.

Broxbourne
Broxbourne is an ideal place to enjoy a cruise, get fit at the pool and leisure centre, hire a bicycle for the day or relax in a riverside pub. For walkers, Broxbourne is an excellent place to stop for lunch as part of a ramble along the fify-mile Lea Valley Walk. During spring and summer small motor boats and rowing boats are available for hourly hire.

Bishop's Stortford
At the head of the River Stort, near the Hertfordshire-Essex border lies the ancient market town of Bishop's Stortford. Signs of the first Roman settlement remain around the river. The remains of Waytemore Castle, built in 1605, medieval buildings such as St Michael's Church and several 16th and 17th century pubs offer a rich heritage to explore.

Sawbridgeworth
Once an important malting town, Sawbridgworth still retains much of its character through its timber-fronted buildings and shops, most of which date back to the Tudor period.

Harlow Mill
This attractive area on the River Stort provides many recreational opportunities on and around the water and is a good starting point for many circular walks through the countryside.

Waltham Abbey
From as long ago as 1577, when Britain saw its first ever Mitre Gate lock built here, the River Lee has played an important part in the history of Waltham Abbey. For many years the river provided a safe means to transport high explosives, produced at the Royal Gunpowder Mills site, down to the Tower of London.

ATTRACTIONS

RSPB Rye Meads Nature Reserve
Max 25, min 5. Group discount 15+. Unescorted tours of the reserve are free. If a guided walk is required there is a small charge.
Contact Maureen Palmer
Rye Meads Visitor Centre
Rye Road, Stanstead Abbots, Herts SG12 8JS
T: 01992 708383
E: maureen.palmer@rspb.org
www.rspb.org.uk
Nature reserve which includes areas of reedbed, open water, meadow and woodland.

Castle Mound
The Castle Gardens, Bishop's Stortford, Herts
T: 01279 655261
By the time of the Norman Invasion in 1066, Hertford had a motte and bailey surrounded by a moat. This consisted of large earthen mound with a strong wooden tower or keep on top.

Epping Forest District Museum
39-41 Sun St, Waltham Abbey, Essex EN9 1EL
T: 01992 716882
www.eppingforestdistrictmuseum.co.uk

Forty Hall Museum
Forty Hill, Enfield EN2 9HA
T: 020 8363 8196
Take a step back in time and discover the unique heritage of this beautiful Jacobean Hall and Gardens once the home of Sir Nicolas Rainton, Lord Mayor of London 1632.

The Gibberd Garden
Marsh Lane, Gilden Way, Harlow, Essex CM17 0HA
T: 01279 442112
www.thegibberdgarden.co.uk
Twentieth century house and garden, designed by Harlow New Towns architect-planner, Sir Frederick Gibberd.

Harlow Museum and Roman Temple
Passmores House, Third Ave, Harlow CM18 6YL
T: 01279 454959
www.tmoh.com
The fascinating displays of objects and memorabilia are housed in five galleries within a 19th Century Stable Block of Mark Hall Manor.

Hertford Castle
The Castle, Hertford, Herts SG14 1HR
T: 01992 552885
Gatehouse remains of one of a series of castles built for defence purposes.

Hertford Museum
18 Bull Plain, Hertford, Herts SG14 1DT
T: 01992 582686
www.hertford.net/museum
A local history museum in an early 17th century town house. Charming recreated 'Jacobean' knot garden of intertwined hedges of box and lavender.

Lowewood Museum
High Street, Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 8BH
T: 01992 445596
www.lowewood.com
Discover the fascinating story of the local area through displays of geology, social history and photographs of town life in the 19th century.

Markfield Beam Engine and Museum
Markfield Road, Tottenham, London N15 4RB
T: 01763 287331
Small museum related to aspects of public health engineering and steam-driven pumping plant. Original 1886 Engine House and beam engine for pumping sewage.

Rye House
Rye Road, Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 0EH
T: 01992 465151
The Rye House gateway is the oldest surviving example of a brick building in Hertfordshire.

Paradise Wildlife Park
White Stubbs Lane, Broxbourne, Herts EN10 7QA
T: 01992 - 470490
www.pwpark.com
Friendly, family-run leisure park featuring animals, conservation, attractions and events.

Waltham Abbey Church
Highbridge St, Waltham Abbey, Essex EN9 1DG
T: 01992 767897
www.walthamabbeychurch.co.uk
The stone church erected by Harold Godwinson, later King Harold II, in the 1050's, replaced an earlier one, which had housed a famous Cross brought from Somerset.

BOAT TRIPS, BOATING AND PRIVATE BOAT HIRE

Lee Valley Boat Centre
Max 60, min 20. Group discount 25+ and tour operator discount.
Contact Peter Woodley
Old Nazeing Road, Broxbourne, Herts EN10 6LX
T: 01992 462085
E: boats@leevalleyboats.co.uk
www.leevalleyboats.co.uk
Passenger boat 'Lady of Lee Valley' scheduled public trips on the River Lee Navigation and private hire.

Herts Young Mariners' Base
Max 100, min 10 for groups.
Contact Ron Hodgson
231 Windmill Lane, Cheshunt EN8 9AJ
T: 01992 628403
E: outdoors@hymb.com
www.hymb.com
Offer a range of courses in canoeing, sailing, climbing, caving, first aid, and many more, with professional instructors and to nationally recognised standards.

EATING AND DRINKING

Group bookings to be made in advance. Special conditions apply for pre-Christmas bookings.

The Navigation Inn, Enfield
Can seat up to 60 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 020 8804 7788

The Old English Gentleman, Waltham Abbey
Can seat up to 20 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 01992 712 714

The Angel, Waltham Abbey
Seats up to 30 for lunch and dinner before 7pm daily.
T: 01992 718 671

The Crown Pub, Broxbourne
Can seat up to 30 for lunch only daily.
T: 01992 446 893

The Rye House, Hoddesdon
Can seat up to 30 for lunch and dinner Mon-Sat.
T: 01992 465 151

The Jolly Fisherman, St Margarets
Can seat up to 30 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 01920 870 125

The1 Saracen's Head, Ware
Can seat up to 40 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 01920 463 640

The Old Punch House, Ware
Can seat up to 15 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 01920 467 675

The Old Barge, Hertford
Can seat up to 30 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 01992 581871

The George IV, Great Amwell
Can seat up to 46 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 01920 870 039

Harlow Mill, Harlow
Seats up to 70 for lunch and 30 for dinner daily.
T: 01279 442 545

CANAL WILDLIFE

In the rural areas on the Lee and Stort the canals have softer natural vegetated fringes, some of which are used by Water Voles, whose burrows may be seen above the water line in vegetated banks. You may be extremely lucky and get a rare sight of a vole itself.

Otter also frequent these areas, though again they are elusive and it is unusual to see one. The River Lee Navigation, runs through the Lee Valley Regional Park where there are a number of lakes and important habitats for a variety of animal and plant life.

The Moorhen, Harlow
Can seat up to 50 for lunch and dinner daily.
T: 01279 423 066

The Tanner's Arms, Bishop's Stortford
Can seat up to 24 for lunch only daily.
T: 01279 651 837

RECOMMENDED DAYS OUT

Broxbourne ⇨ RSPB Rye Meads Nature Reserve ⇨ Hertford

Day trip - Approx 7 hours
- Start at Broxboure and charter boat and guide for cruise along the River Lee Navigation to Rye Meads Nature Reserve.
- Tour of Nature Reserve
- Continue boat trip with lunch on board to Hertford

Waltham Abbey ⇨ Broxbourne

Day trip - Approx 6 hours
- Begin at Waltham Abbey. Hire guide for tour of town and abbey.
- Charter boat for cruise along the River Lee to Broxbourne.
- Stop for late lunch or continue cruising to Rye House

Bishop's Stortford ⇨ Harlow

Day trip - Approx 7 hours
- Start at Bishop's Stortford and hire a guide for a tour of the town.
- Charter a boat for a cruise along the River Stort to Harlow.
- Stop for lunch and visit the Gibberd Garden and Harlow Museum & Roman Temple

Please contact individual companies to organise your visit.

WEST LONDON

The extensive network of waterways which makes up the Grand Union Canal running from West London to Birmingham, is without doubt a truly extraordinary piece of engineering.

Though originally intended for freight, the canal is no longer as important as a trade route and you are more likely to see walkers, anglers and pleasure boaters enjoying the atmosphere of the Grand Union today.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Rickmansworth
Located at the junction of the River Colne and its tributaries the Chess and the Gade, Rickmansworth once lay immediately north of several large water meadows. The coming of the Grand Junction (later the Grand Union) canal in the 1790s enhanced the area's industrial potential, allowing coal to be brought in and other goods exported. The area around Rickmansworth was once famous for its extensive watercress beds. The salad plant flourished in the River Chess, a clean, swiftly flowing stream with good gravel beds.

Black Jack's Lock and Troy Cut
Black Jack's Lock is striking with its brilliant white bridge arch and black lock gates beyond. The lock is named after Black Jack's Mill which stands close to the lock and is now a restaurant. Further along the canal at West Hyde is a 1,000-yard branch of the canal known as Troy Cut. Built in 1800, it was opened in 1822. The lock-less branch was built to serve Troy Mill and some chalk pits.

Denham
The deepest lock on the Grand Union Canal is Denham Deep. Its depth was forced by local millers to take the canal over the Fray's River, a man made river dug by a Mr Fray to serve six mills through Uxbridge, Cowley and West Drayton, where the river flows back into the Colne. Beside this stretch of the canal is Denham Country Park, a local Nature Reserve.

Cowley Lock
It was from this junction in 1801 that passengers could take the Paddington Packet Boat to London. Cowley Lock itself marks the end of a 27-mile lock-free pound into central London.

The Slough Arm
The Slough Arm of the Grand Union Canal runs off at Cowley Peachy Junction and is home to three cast iron aqueducts which pass over the Fray's River, the River Colne and Colne Brook. These were built to placate angry mill owners, ensuring the canal did not take water from their rivers and streams.

Hanwell Flight of Locks
A Scheduled Ancient Monument, Hanwell Locks are a flight of six locks that raise the canal by just over 53 feet in a third of a mile.

Brentford
Brentford is the gateway to the inland waterway network for the tidal Thames. Between the High Street and Thames Lock, there is a dense network of wharves, docks and bridges where boat building has taken place for centuries. The area is currently being redeveloped and will bring new attractions, restaurants, shops and bars.

North Circular Road Aqueduct
The original aqueduct here was built in 1933. The building of the original reinforced concrete structure was made difficult by the need to keep canal traffic flowing throughout its construction. Between 1991 and 1993 the old aqueduct was replaced by a modern twin-channel structure as part of a major redevelopment of the North Circular Road, with striking views from the top.

ATTRACTIONS

Kew Bridge Steam Museum
Max 50, min 10 for groups. Group discount 10-39 people 10%, 40+ people 15% guided tours. Group leaders and coach drivers free. Mon-Fri engines can be steamed at extra cost. Mon-Fri sandwich lunch available. Please book in advance. Contact Jo Willis
Green Dragon Lane, Brentford, Middx TW8 0EN
T: 020 8568 4757
E: group@kbsm.org
www.kbsm.org
One of the world's best collections of Cornish Beam Engines, housed in a magnificent 19th century pumping station.

Chenies Manor House
Chenies, Rickmansworth,
Bucks WD3 6ER
T: 01494 762888
House and gardens of great historical and architectural interest; Henry VIII and Elizabeth I with their Courts were entertained here.

Denham Country Park
Denham Court Drive,
Denham,
Uxbridge, UB9 5PG
T: 01753 511060
The 69 acres of park land offers opportunities for quiet informal recreation with links to local footpaths, bridleways and the South Bucks Long Distance Route.

London Motorcycle Museum
Ravenor Farm, 29 Oldfield Lane South,
Greenford, UB6 9LB
T: 020 8575 6644
www.london-motorcycle-museum.org
Unique collection of British motorcycles.

Osterley Park and House
Jersey Road, Isleworth, Middx TW7 4RB
T: 020 8232 5050
www.osterleypark.org.uk
Robert Adam house set in acres of beautiful parkland and farmland.

Packet Boat Marina
Packet Boat Lane, Cowley, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 2JJ
T: 01895 449851
www.waterscape.com
Packet Boat Marina is located at Cowley and lies at the junction of the Slough Arm of the Grand Union Canal in Uxbridge, West London. The site was traditionally where passengers on the Paddington Packet Boat used to stop off on the way along the canal to Paddington Basin, a route which took the best part of the day.

Park Lodge Farm
Harvil Road, Uxbridge, Middx UB9 6JP
T: 01895 824425
Dairy and sheep farm set in 550 acres, with a rotary milking parlour.

Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB
T: 020 8332 5622
www.rbgkew.org.uk
Set in 121 hectares (300 acres) beside the River Thames, the Royal Botanic Gardens is home to the world's largest and most diverse collection of living plants with over 40,000 different species.

Slough Museum
278-286 High Street
Slough SL1 1NB
T: 01753 - 526422
www.sloughmuseum.co.uk
Museum tracing Slough's colourful past.

Syon Park and House
Brentford, Middx TW8 8JF
T: 020 560 0881
www.syonpark.co.uk
Syon House stands in landscaped parkland designed by Capability Brown and looks out over the river Thames to Kew Gardens.

Waterman's Art Centre
40 High Street, Brentford, Middx TW8 3AB
T: 020 8232 1020
www.watermans.org.uk
Multipurpose arts centre with theatre, cinema, gallery, river terrace and cafe/bar.

Willowtree Marina and Park
West Quay Drive Yeading, Hayes , Middx UB4 9TA
T: 020 8841 6585
Ideal location for moorings for boats, filming, a centre for canal events, wildlife photography, and walking.

BOAT TRIPS, BOATING AND PRIVATE BOAT HIRE

Willowtree Narrow Boat Trips
Horsenden Hill Visitor Centre
Horsenden Lane North,
Greenford,
Middx UB6 7PQ
T: 07901 827680
Available for day trips, private cruises, parties, meetings, conferences etc.

Batchworth Lock Canal Centre
99 Church St,
Rickmansworth
Herts WD3 1JJ
T: 01923 778 382
www.batchworthlock.co.uk
Boat trips, extensive walks in and around the canal and lakes, visitor centre, brasserie and festivals.

Rickmansworth Aquadrome
Frogmoor Lane, Off Hartfield Road,
Rickmansworth, Herts WD3
The Aquadrome park offers 100 acres of water, woodland and semi-landscaped parkland with walks including 1.6km scenic Alder trail, picnic areas, bbq area, enclosed dog free area, childrens playground, refreshment kiosk and disabled access. There are a variety of water-based sports clubs including fishing on a daily ticket basis, windsurfing, water skiing, saling and kayaking.

WALKS

A number of way-marked and self-guided walks can be found around the Grand Union Canal west of London. These include the Brent River Park Walk, Colne Valley Trail, Nine Stiles Circular Walk, Discover the Slough Arm, Dog Rose Ramble and the Hillingdon Trail. For information on any of these, please contact British Waterways London. Details on the back of this leaflet.

EATING AND DRINKING

Group bookings to be made in advance. Special conditions apply for pre-Christmas bookings.

GRAND UNION CANAL MAIN LINE AND SLOUGH ARM

Norman Dubois Catering Co Ltd
The Turning Point Waterside Restaurant & Bar
Max 50, min 10 for groups. Group discount 30+ tour operator discount.
Contact John Morgan
Canal Cottages, Packet Boat Lane. Cowley Peachey, Middx UB8 2JS
T: 01895 440550
E: bookings@turningpoint.co.uk
www.turningpoint.co.uk

Fran's Tea Garden, Denham Deep Lock
Seats up to 40 for tea and cake served daily until 3.30pm.
T: 01895 271070

The Horse and Barge, Harefield
Can seat up to 30 for lunch and dinner daily
T: 01895 834080

The Paddington Packet Boat, Cowley Peachey
Can seat up to 30 for lunch and dinner daily
T: 01895 442392

The Malt Shovel, Cowley
Can seat up to 40 for lunch and dinner daily
T: 01895 233121

The Blue Anchor, Hayes
Can seat up to 50 for lunch and dinner daily
T: 020 8569 3396

The Grand Junction Arms, Harlesden
Can seat up to 40 for lunch and dinner daily
T: 020 8965 5670

The Fox, Hanwell
Can seat up to 30 for lunch only, daily
T: 020 8567 3912

RECOMMENDED DAYS OUT

The following trips are possible during the summer. Please contact individual companies to organise your visit.

Kew Bridge Steam Museum ⇨ Brentford ⇨ Bulls Bridge
Day trip - 8 hours
- Start with a tour of Kew Bridge Steam Museum
- Charter a boat and guide at Brentford for a cruise along the Grand Union Canal through eleven locks including Hanwell Flight of Locks to Bulls Bridge.
- Lunch on board

Rickmansworth ⇨ Packet Boat Marina
Day trip - 8 hours
- Morning in the medieval town of Rickmansworth
- Charter boat for cruise along the Grand Union Canal past Troy Cut, through the Colne Valley, Denham Deep Lock to Packet Boat Marina in Cowley Peachey
- Lunch on board

GRAND UNION CANAL PADDINGTON BRANCH

Quayside Bistro and Wine Bar, Yeading
Can seat up to 45 for lunch and dinner daily
T: 020 8841 2500

The Pleasure Boat, Ealing
Can seat up to 40 for lunch and dinner daily
T: 020 8902 4516

The Black Horse, Greenford
Can seat up to 60 for lunch and dinner daily
T: 020 8578 1384

Jack's Cabin Café, Willesden
Can seat up to 30 for lunch and dinner daily
T: 020 8965 7919

CANAL WILDLIFE

These stretches of the Grand Union have the character of rural waterways and although they are popular for recreation they are important corridors for wildlife. Like the Lee and Stort, in the rural areas of the Grand Union the canals have softer natural vegetated fringes, some of which are used by Water Voles, whose burrows may be seen above the water line in vegetated banks - though it is very rare to see an actual Vole. Otter also frequent these areas, though again they are elusive and it is unusual to see one. Many of the trees on these stretches are mature and have their own ecological value as they overhang the water and provide quiet refuge for water birds.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Much of the inland waterway network runs parallel to railway lines, which were built after the canals as the new transport. This means that most canals are within easy reach of railway stations. In central London many sections of the canals are a short walk from an underground station. Please see the map on pages 8 and 9 for more detail.

National Rail Enquiries 08457 484950
www.nationalrail.co.uk
London Underground www.tube.tfl.gov.uk

STAYING IN THE AREA

There are many hotels and guesthouses close to the canal network which cater for groups and would make a great base for a holiday. To find out more, call Visit London on 020 7932 2000 and ask for their latest travel trade guide or go to **www.visitlondon.com.**

For the on-line, one-stop shop for information about leisure on the waterways go to **www.waterscape.com.**

Opening in June 2004:
London Marriott West India Quay Hotel
Hertsmere Road, London E14 4AW
T: 020 70931000
www.marriott.co.uk

CONTACTS

Blue Badge Guides
For your visit to the waterways you can hire the services of a guide, specialising in all manner of subjects. For more information on how to do this, contact the following organisations.

The Association of Professional Tourist Guides
T: 020 7505 3073 www.aptg.org.uk

The Guild of Registered Tourist Guides
T: 020 7403 1115 www.blue-badge.org.uk/guild

HOTEL BOATS

Hotel boats can be booked to take small groups on canal boat holidays around the UK waterway network. The following boats cruise through various parts of London, please phone for details.

Aitken Grange Cruising Company
T: 0114 243 0964 or 07802 471100

Duke and Duchess Hotel Narrowboats
T: 07711 836441 www.hotelboat-holidays.co.uk

Heart of England Hotel Narrowboats
T: 01252 378 779 www.hotelboats.co.uk

Hind and Hart Narrowboat Hotels
T: 020 7272 0033 www.hindandhart.co.uk

Hotelboat Travel
T: 01905 610 440

Inland Waterway Holiday Cruises
T: 07831 110 811 www.bargeholidayuk.com

Narrowboat Hotel Company
T: 07836 600029 www.hotelboatsuk.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

Please contact us if you wish to receive our Events and Activities Guide 2004, available in March 2004. Contact details on the back of this guide.

Regular canal-side festivals:

IWA Canalway Cavalcade, Little Venice
First Mayday weekend T: 020 7286 6101

Angel Canal Day, Islington
Early September T: 020 7267 9100

Slough Canal Festival, Slough
Early September T: 01753 875571

TOURISM AND LEISURE CONTACTS

CENTRAL

Visit London
Free travel trade helpline:
T: 020 7932 2015 www.visitlondon.co.uk
E: traveltrade@londontouristboard.co.uk

Camden Information Centre
Starbucks Coffee Co (UK) Ltd
Camden High St, London NW1 7BX
T: 020 7485 1986

EAST

TourEast London
www.visiteastlondon.co.uk
T: 020 7531 1996
E: TourEast@dlr.co.uk

NORTH

East Herts District Council
Tourism Development officer
T: 01279 655261
E:Tilly.andrews@eastherts.gov.uk
www.eastherts.gov.uk

Lee Valley Park
T: 01992 702200
www.leevalleypark.com

WEST

London Borough of Hillingdon
T: 01895 250111
www.hillingdon.gov.uk/leisure

South Bucks District Council
T: 01753 533333
E: Leisure@southbucks.gov.uk
ww.southbucks.gov.uk

GENERAL

London Walking Forum
T: 020 7793 1116

Waterway Holidays UK
T: 0870 241 5956
www.waterwayholidaysuk.co.uk

WHAT'S IN THE GUIDE

This brand new guide for group travel organisers and the travel trade helps you organise your group trip to London's Waterways or advise your client on the best places to visit. It gives some background information on the canals, rivers and docks of London, details a range of boat trips and private boat charter, places to eat and drink, shopping and markets, how to get there, coach parking and some useful contacts.

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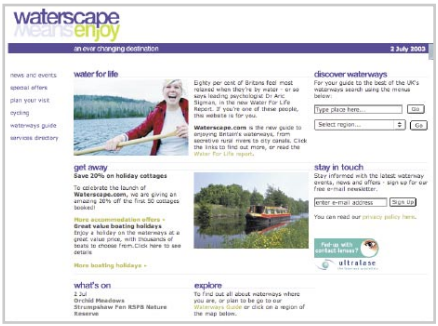

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